

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

The Jasper County Council met this date at 5:00 P.M. C.S.T. in the Commissioners Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Rein O. Bontreger, Gerrit H. DeVries, John T. Price, Andrew Andree, Stephen Jordan and Gary Fritts. Also present was Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor and Tina Porter, Deputy Auditor. Let the record show that Paul Norwine was absent. Mr. Bontreger called the meeting to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Bontreger.

Mr. Bontreger stated that the only point of business is to sign the Ordinance Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for the Rensselaer School Corporation. When Auditor Grow entered it in to Gateway, the figures did not stay. The amounts are as follows:

General Fund - \$10,837,720	Tax Rate 0.0000
Debt Service - \$2,194,792	Tax Rate 0.2704
Capital Projects - \$2,905,568	Tax Rate 0.4543
Transportation - \$842,257	Tax Rate 0.1188
Bus Replacement - \$200,000	Tax Rate 0.0229
<b>Total \$16,980,337</b>	<b>Tax Rate 0.8664</b>

Mr. Andree made the motion to approve the previously approved Rensselaer School Corporation budget. Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Mr. Bontreger stated that the Council received a letter from Del Cleek stating that they want to put \$30,000 back in to their budget. He said that doing this does not give an accurate accounting of what's being done with the money and that he would email her and let her know that if they start getting low on funds, they need to request an additional appropriation.

STANDARD & POOR CREDIT RATING FOLLOW-UP: Auditor Grow stated that they had discussed a report that would show the percentages left in each account line that she would send on a monthly basis with the other report that's already being sent. She ran the report and being that it's 107 pages long, she will be emailing it to the Council. The report cannot be condensed since it is by fund, account line and department. Mr. Bontreger suggested that the Council divvy up the sections of the report amongst themselves to save time. He said that they will have to put a policy in place that will need to be approved by both the Commissioners and Council that will set limits as to their reserves, fund balances and targeted amounts that the County would like to have on hand. He stated that Mr. Culp will be drafting a letter to send to Umbaugh stating that there should have been better prepping prior to the ratings call.

There being no further business, Mr. DeVries made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Fritts seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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Rein O. Bontreger, President

ATTEST:

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Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County